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## Press Release

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### VMX-22 Change of Command

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, N.C.** – Col. Michael R. Orr will relinquish command of Marine Operational Test and Evaluation Squadron 22 (VMX-22) to Col. Robert L. Rauenhorst aboard Marine Corps Air Station New River at 5 p.m., June 27.

Lt. Gen. Jon M. Davis, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, Headquarters Marine Corps, is slated to be the guest speaker at the ceremony.

Since July 2012, Col. Orr served as commanding officer for VMX-22. During his tenure, he was in command of more than 170 Marines and Sailors, providing leadership while successfully conducting three Operational Test and Evaluation deployments with the MV-22 and CH-53E throughout the United States. These deployments enabled the Program Management Activity to validate upgrades and new acquisitions against the requirement documents of assault support aircraft within the Fleet Marine Force. Col. Orr insisted his squadron answer the call on Headquarters Marine Corps tasking to the maximum extent possible in order to enable the line squadrons to solely focus on training and deployments while continuing to meet Operational Testing and Evaluation requirements. Col. Orr's significant contributions to Marine Aviation were manifested in his successful transition of his operational test squadron into a Marine Air-Ground Task Force Aviation Combat Element test and experimentation squadron set to deploy in July 2014.

Col. Rauenhorst reported to VMX-22 in July 2013 and was temporarily assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron 204 for conversion training in the MV-22B. Upon completion of his initial qualification in the "Osprey", Col. Rauenhorst assumed his duties as the Executive Officer for VMX-22. Having flown more than 3,100 total hours with 2,700 hours in the F/A-18, Col. Rauenhorst continues the legacy of melding different communities experiences and procedures into not only VMX-22, but across the spectrum of Marine Corps aviation.

*Media representatives interested in attending should call the MCAS New River public affairs office at 451-7414. Please meet at the New River visitor's center parking lot no later than 4:30 p.m., June 27.*



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